

Spending habits of Australian households: ABS

States/Territories - average weekly household expenditure - selected categories

Statistically significant differences between 1998-99 and 2003-04

Figures expressed as %

| | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | NT | ACT | Aust. |
|---|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|
| Current housing costs | | | | | | | | | |
| Rent | 31 | 25 | | | | | | 40 | 23 |
| Interest component of mortgage repayments | 52 | 44 | 30 | 62 | 72 | 40 | 18 | | 47 |
| Domestic fuel and power | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricity | 24 | 36 | 37 | 51 | 26 | 40 | 25 | 38 | 32 |
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages | | | | | | | | | |
| Bread | 12 | | | 16 | | | | | 7 |
| Fresh milk | | -10 | | | -14 | | | | -5 |
| Sugar | -13 | -23 | | | | | | | -15 |
| Tea | | | 22 | | | | | | 11 |
| Coffee | | | | -25 | | | | | -7 |
| Vegetables | 20 | 21 | 21 | 25 | 27 | 35 | | 33 | 22 |
| Meat | 31 | 22 | 23 | 21 | 37 | 39 | 26 | | 27 |
| Fish/seafood | 41 | 29 | 26 | | | 68 | | | 31 |
| Takeaway meals/fast food | 25 | 13 | 30 | 27 | 12 | 27 | | | 21 |
| Alcoholic beverages | | | | | | | | | |
| Beer | | | -19 | | | 49 | | | |
| Wine | | | | | 62 | 70 | | | 20 |
| Tobacco products | | | | | | | | | |
| Cigarettes | | | | | | | | | |
| Clothing and footwear | | | | | | | | | |
| Men's clothing | | | | | | | | | |
| Women's clothing | 24 | | | | | | | | 17 |
| Household furnishings/equipment | | | | | | | | | |
| Household appliances | | | | | | | | | |
| Household services/operation | | | | | | | | | |
| Telephone, fixed line | 17 | 17 | 13 | | 13 | 15 | | 22 | 15 |
| Telephone, mobile | 162 | 213 | 158 | 160 | 259 | 312 | 125 | 139 | 183 |
| Child care | | 42 | 78 | | | | | | 34 |
| Medical care/health expenses | | | | | | | | | |
| Health/accident insurance | 39 | 26 | 31 | 24 | 50 | 25 | 45 | 84 | 34 |
| Health practitioners' fees | 54 | | 47 | 30 | 84 | | | 100 | 44 |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor vehicle purchase | | | 37 | 86 | | | | | 16 |
| Petrol | 25 | 22 | 28 | 38 | 23 | 42 | 29 | 28 | 26 |
| Public transport | 28 | | | | | | | | 19 |
| Recreation | | | | | | | | | |
| Internet | 197 | 445 | 215 | 183 | 350 | | | | 236 |
| Pay TV | 357 | 318 | 173 | 107 | 545 | 291 | 251 | 650 | 274 |
| Newspapers | | | | 44 | | | | | |
| Personal care | | | | | | | | | |
| Toiletries/cosmetics | | 15 | 30 | 31 | 23 | | | | 19 |
| Miscellaneous goods and services | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary/secondary education fees | | 35 | | | 84 | | 152 | | 34 |
| Higher education fees | | 134 | | | | | | | 53 |
| Total goods and services | 27 | 24 | 26 | 35 | 29 | 27 | 14 | 22 | 26 |

Differences have only been shown where they are statistically significant.

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